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Submission of Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant

Dear Sirs,

Because an examiner's first report has yet to be received, the Applicant considers the submission of the attached Information Disclosure Statement to be in compliance of 37CFR1.97(b)(3). As such, it is believed that no official fees are required. If official fees are required, please deduct them from Deposit Account No. 503458 in the name of Molins & Co.

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Regards,

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Statement of Disclosure

The Applicant wishes to disclose the following references which were uncovered during the course of the PCT's International Search Report.

PCT International Publication No. WO 00/20271 "Accessory Container for Surfcraft"

This reference discloses an accessory container for a surfcraft such as a body board. This device does not teach the type of lid sealing arrangement that forms the basis of the Applicant's claim 1 nor any of the material limitations contained in any of the claims, particularly the circumferential ribs of claim 2, the "J" shaped seal of claim 3, the channel found in claim 4 when dependant upon claim 1, the side wall with opening formed in claim 6, the lateral compartment with external shape that is received within the mouth recited in claim 7, the shape of the lateral compartment disclosed in claim 8 or the cavity insertion method revealed in claim 11.

US Patent No. 5,127,860 "Surf Safe"

This patent teaches a surf board compartment but it has neither the type of lid seal nor the laterally extending cavity which are considered highly material to the Applicant's claims. There are practically no physical similarities between this device and the one which forms the basis of the Applicant's claims.

US Patent No. 4,955,835 "Storage Capsule for Surfboard or the Like"

Disclosed in this patent is a compartment having a lid and gasket arrangement but not the specific structure disclosed in any one of claims 1 or 7 or 11 of the subject application. Note the Applicant's claim 1 recites a main compartment having a main opening surrounded by a pair of upright rims, being an inner rim and an outer rim, the lid having skirt with external threads etc. These limitations are not found in this document.

US Patent No. 1,851,750 "Waterproof Case"

This document discloses a waterproof container that is carried by a strap. The mechanics of the lid and a lid seal are entirely distinguishable from those which form the basis of the Applicant's disclosure and claims. The lid is not threaded nor does the container itself have the type of rim arrangement which is recited in claim 1. The device lacks a separate lateral compartment of the type forming the basis of claim 7 and also recited as part of the methodology of claim 11.



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